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SUBJECT: REACTION TO STATEMENTS OF FORMER POLITICIANS

1. THESSALONIKI MORNING PAPERS OF NOVEMBER 1 FRONTPAGE
DIFFERING ACCOUNTS OF PROBLEMS FACING MARKEZINIS GOVERN-
MENT AND OPPOSITION FROM FORMER POLITICIANS.
2. OPPOSITION "MAKEDONIA" EMPHASIZES REFUSAL
THUS FAR OF FORMER POLITICIANS TO COOPERATE WITH GOVERN-
MENT UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "OPPOSITION FROM POLITICAL
WORLD INTENSIFIES". TEXT HIGHLIGHTS RECENT STATEMENTS IN ATHENS
BY FORMER POLITICIANS AND CONCLUDES THAT "REFUSAL OF
POLITICAL WORLD TO BE IMPLICATED IN PARODY OF
ELECTIONS IS TOTAL". PAPER ALSO URGES "UNITY OF ALL
POLITICAL FACTIONS" IN "STRUGGLE FOR RESTORATION OF
FULL DEMOCRATIC NORMALITY". SEPARATE FRONTPAGE REPORT
CARRIES FULL TEXT OF OCTOBER 31 ATHENS RELEASE BY
"COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC
NORMALITY (:::4\$,) AND LIST OF MEMBERS, OF WHOM ONLY FORMER
THESD TTPWKI MAYOR CONSTANTINOS TSIROS FROM NORTHERN GREECE.
3. CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS", ON OTHER HAND,
FOCUSES ON PROBLEMS OF FILLING VACANT SECRETARY GENERAL
POSITIONS AND STANDARDIZING ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION POLICY.

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REPORT ALSO CITES "PROCRASTINATION" BY GOVERNMENT IN

DELAYING DECISION ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SUCH AS
ELECTIONS, PRESS LAW, AND AGRICULTURAL PRICES. "VORRAS"
MINIMIZES COVERAGE OF STATEMENTS BY FORMER POLITICAL
LEADERS AND CCRDN ANNOUNCEMENT.
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